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DE 100 08 214 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,694,879 disclose an erasing and cleaning apparatus for cleaning cylindrical surfaces.

DE 195 43 518 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,894,800 disclose a device for washing outer cylindrical surfaces of a rotary printing press.

DE 39 09 119 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,105,740 disclose a washing device formed as an insert unit.

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